

ABSOLUTE RATING: Below Average
IMPROVEMENT RATING: Below Average

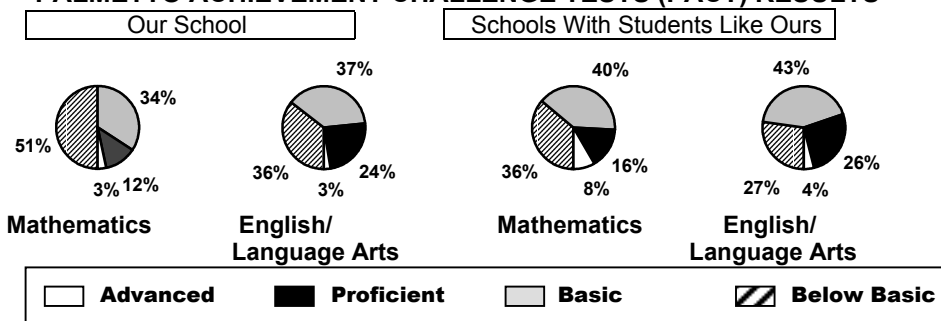
Number of middle schools with students similar to ours: 41. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from below average to good. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to good.

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

2001 Absolute Rating Below Average Improvement Rating Below Average
2002
2003
2004

(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- **Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- **Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- **Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- **Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on 2004 School Report Cards. Social studies scores are to be reported on 2005 School Report Cards.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT

Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
All students (n=531)	64.4%	50.1%	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=53)	18.9%	17.3%		
Students without disabilities (n=469)	70.8%	54.3%		
Gender				
Male (n=275)	58.2%	47%		
Female (n=247)	73.7%	54.9%		
Ethnic Group				
African American (n=132)	34.8%	17.9%		
Hispanic (n=23)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=362)	77.3%	63.6%		
Other (n=5)	N/A	N/A		
Lunch Status Group				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=202)	44.6%	30.4%		
Pay for lunch (n=320)	78.8%	63.6%		

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Middle School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$5,682	N/A	\$5,135	\$5,127
• Prime instructional time	86.8%	Up from 85%	90%	89.6%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	10.4 to 1	N/A	22.7 to 1	21.4 to 1
STUDENTS (n=578)				
• Attendance rate	95%	Up from 93.7%	95.9%	95.7%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	0%	N/A	2.6%	4.5%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	0%	N/A	2.4%	4.0%
• Retention rate	0.7%	N/A	2.6%	4.5%
TEACHERS (n=39)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	9.8 Days	Up from 9.5	7.7 Days	8.0 Days
• Attendance Rate	93.4%	Down from 93.6%	95.5%	95.2%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	41%	Down from 46.9%	49.2%	45.8%
• Continuing contract teachers	69.2%	Up from 60.6%	85.6%	80.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	0%	Down from 3%	2.4%	2.4%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	N/A	N/A	87.3%	83.7%
• Average teacher salary	\$38,268	Down 0.2%	\$38,193	\$37,455

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Middle School
SCHOOL				
• Dropout rate	0%	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	57.9%	N/A	60.6%	61.5%
• Principal's years at the school	2	N/A	3	3.0
• Parents attending conferences	66.8%	N/A	82.2%	78.2%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
STUDENTS				
• On academic plans	N/A	N/A	38.2%	45.8%
• On academic probation	N/A	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	1.7%	Down from 2.7%	2.9%	4.5%
• Suspended or expelled	117	N/A	14	15
• Enrolled in high school credit courses	41.8%	N/A	16.8%	13.2%
• Gifted and talented	19.2%	Down from 20.6%	15.4%	12.1%
• With disabilities other than speech	11.7%	Up from 11.4%	14.1%	13.6%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

As we complete the first full year of classes at our new facility, we feel confident that our Palmetto Achievement Challenge Test (PACT) results will reflect two semesters of high productivity and achievement. Our common culture as a distinct and unique learning environment has been cast. We have attained the transition from Hilton Head Stingrays to McCracken Bulldogs and have forged a strong identification as the center and focus of our Bluffton community.

Our accomplishments for the 2000-01 academic year include:

- 14% of our students qualified for gifted/talented services.
- 23% of our students qualified for A/B or Principal's Honor Roll.
- 40% of our 7th and 8th grade students were involved in interscholastic athletics.
- 24% of our students successfully completed at least one high school credit.
- 25% of our students attended Bulldog Clinic, our after-school remedial/tutorial program.
- A highly effective advisor-advisee program.

Goals for the 2001-2002 school year include:

- Priority I: Major improvement in School-Home communications. Formation of a Communications Advisory Committee comprised of teachers and parents.
 - Priority II: Literacy Initiative-All students will be pre- and post-tested using the STAR Reading and Math instrument to target below grade level performance and create Academic Assistance Plans.
 - Priority III: Implementation of our "College Bound" Initiative with a goal of increasing participation in Pre-Algebra and Algebra classes.
 - 50% reduction in days spent in out-of-school suspension from 175 (lowest of all Beaufort County Middle Schools) to 90 days.
 - 60% reduction in hours spent in ISS.
 - 50% reduction in number of students requiring an Academic Assistance Plan.
 - 25% increase in parental attendance at SIC and PTO meetings.
 - Full merger of the Core Knowledge Curriculum with our SC Standards-based Curriculum.
- Richard Hitch

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	88.2	66.9	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	94.1	66.9	
Satisfied with home-school relations	73.5	70.4	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

- Excellent** – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.
- Good** – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.
- Average** – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.
- Below Average** – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.
- Unsatisfactory** – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Grades 6-8 Middle School

Enrollment: 578 Students

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Below Average



South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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